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1. AFTER A CAREFUL SEARCH, THE HOLY SEE HAS CHOSEN ARCHBISHOP PIO LAGHI AS THE NEW PAPAL NUNCIO IN ARGENTINA. A KEEN NEGOTIATOR, LAGHI WAS SELECTED TO HANDLE WHAT THE VATICAN CONSIDERS TO BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE CHURCH IN ARGENTINA. BORN IN CASTIGLIONE, ITALY (PROVINCE OF FORLI) ON MAY 21, 1922, LAGHI HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN VATICAN REPRESENTATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, INDIA, THE VATICAN FOREIGN OFFICE, AND SINCE 1969 AS APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE. HE IS HIGHLY EDUCATED, PERSONABLE, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES.

2. LAGHI WILL BE REPLACED IN JERUSALEM BY ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM A. CAREW, PRESENTLY PAPAL NUNCIO IN BURUNDI AND RWANDA. CAREW WAS BORN IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA, ON OCTOBER 23, 1922. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE ENGLISH SECTION OF THE VATICAN

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SECRETARIAT OF STATE. LIKE LAGHI, CAREW IS CONSIDERED ONE OF

THE VATICAN'S MOST CAPABLE DIPLOMATS AND HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO
REPRESENT FORCEFULLY VATICAN INTERESTS REGARDING JERUSALEM AND
THE HOLY PLACES. VOLPE

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